

CLAIMS

1. A computer system comprising:
- a **first block** which includes multiple processing subsystem means;
 - a **second block** which includes multiple processing subsystem means;
 - 5 a **third block** which includes multiple processing subsystem means;
 - a **fourth block** which includes multiple processing subsystem means;
 - a **first communication and processing subsystem** means that
interconnects subsystem means of the first and second blocks;
 - a **second communication and processing subsystem** means that
10 interconnects subsystem means of the third and fourth blocks;
 - a **third communication and processing subsystem** means that
interconnects subsystem means of the first and fourth blocks; and
 - a **fourth communication and processing subsystem** means that
interconnects subsystem means of the second and third blocks;
 - 15 wherein respective subsystem means include a respective processing
elements and a respective communication and processing unit interconnecting the
respective processing elements.
2. A computer system comprising:
- first, second, third and fourth blocks of processing subsystems in which
20 each subsystem includes a respective first processing unit and a respective second
processing unit and a respective communication and processing unit
interconnecting the respective first and second units;
 - wherein respective first processing unit includes multiple respective
processing elements that are networked together;
 - 25 wherein respective second processing unit includes multiple respective
processing elements that are networked together;
 - wherein corresponding processing elements of respective first processing
units of the **first block** are interconnected with each other;
 - wherein corresponding processing elements of respective second
30 processing units of the **first block** are interconnected with each other;

wherein corresponding processing elements of respective first processing units of the **second block** are interconnected with each other;

wherein corresponding processing elements of respective second processing units of the **second block** are interconnected with each other;

5 wherein corresponding processing elements of respective first processing units of the **third block** are interconnected with each other;

wherein corresponding processing elements of respective second processing units of the **third block** are interconnected with each other;

10 wherein corresponding processing elements of respective fourth processing units of the **fourth block** are interconnected with each other;

wherein corresponding processing elements of respective second processing units of the **fourth block** are interconnected with each other;

15 a **first communication and processing subsystem** in which respective processing elements of a first processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **first block** and in which respective processing elements of a second processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the second block;

20 a **second communication and processing subsystem** in which respective processing elements of a first processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **third block** and in which respective processing elements of a second processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **fourth block**;

25 a **third communication and processing subsystem** in which respective processing elements of a first processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **first block** and in which respective processing elements of a second processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of
30 respective processing subsystems of the **fourth block**; and

a **fourth communication and processing subsystem** in which respective processing elements of a first processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **second block** and in which respective processing elements of a second processing unit thereof interconnect with respective communication and processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **third block**.

3. A method of interconnecting a multiplicity of processing elements to produce a computer system architecture:

interconnecting a multiplicity of processing elements to produce a plurality of processing subsystems which respectively include a respective first processing units and respective second processing units and respective communication and processing units interconnecting respective first and second processing units;

interconnecting a **first** group of the plurality of processing subsystems to produce a **first** block of subsystems in which respective processing elements of respective first processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **first** block are interconnected with each other and in which respective processing elements of respective second processing units of respective processing subsystems of the first block are interconnected with each other;

interconnecting a **second** group of the plurality of processing subsystems to produce a **second** block of subsystems in which respective processing elements of respective first processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **second** block are interconnected with each other and in which respective processing elements of respective second processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **second** block are interconnected with each other;

interconnecting a **third** group of the plurality of processing subsystems to produce a **third** block of subsystems in which respective processing elements of respective first processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **third** block are interconnected with each other and in which respective processing elements of respective second processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **third** block are interconnected with each other;

interconnecting a **fourth** group of the plurality of processing subsystems to produce a **fourth** block of subsystems in which respective processing elements of respective first processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **fourth** block are interconnected with each other and in which respective processing elements of respective second processing units of respective processing subsystems of the **fourth** block are interconnected with each other;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **first** first block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **first** processing unit of a **first** communication and processing subsystem;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **second** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **second** processing unit of a **first** communication and processing subsystem;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **third** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **first** processing unit of a **second** communication and processing subsystem;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **fourth** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **second** processing unit of a **second** communication and processing subsystem;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **first** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **first** processing unit of a **third** communication and processing subsystem;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **fourth** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **second** processing unit of a **third** communication and processing subsystem;

respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **second** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **first** processing unit of a **fourth** communication and processing subsystem; and

- 5 respectively interconnecting respective communication and processing units of the **third** block of processing subsystems with respective processing elements of a **second** processing unit of a **fourth** communication and processing subsystem.